



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

200 N. E. 21st Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

June 3, 2011

Mayor Cindy Rosenthal
City of Norman
P. O. Box 370
Norman, OK 73070

OFFICE OF
MAYOR
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RE: Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of Approved Environmental Assessment
Document for I-35 South Improvements, Cleveland & McClain Counties

Dear Mayor Rosenthal:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to improve I-35 South, from the north end of the I-35/SH 9W interchange ramps (located south of the Canadian River Bridge), north to approximately ½ mile north of Main Street in Norman. (See enclosed figure of project area.) The proposed improvements include expanding I-35 to a 6-lane facility from the Canadian River Bridge to approximately ½ mile north of Main Street in Norman, as well as reconstruction of the interchanges at SH 9E, Lindsey Street, and Main Street. In addition, the Canadian River Bridge will be widened for a certain length on both sides to accommodate the SH 9E interchange ramps.

A Public Hearing to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and the findings of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this undertaking is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., June 22, 2011, at The Embassy Suites, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Oklahoma. Your participation is welcomed.

The EA Document describes the project's purpose and need; the range of alternatives considered, including the Preferred Alternative; the social, economic, and environmental effect of the alternatives; and the Agency coordination and Public Involvement activities conducted as part of the EA. Copies of the EA will be available for public inspection on June 7, 2011 at the ODOT website <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.htm>, as well as at the following locations:

City of Norman
Office of City Clerk
201 West Gray Street.
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Norman, OK

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131 Dean A. McGee Avenue
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The Public Hearing is further described in the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Mrs. Diane Abernathy, SAIC, at (405) 701-3167, jeanna.d.abernathy@saic.com or Mr. Scott Stegmann, ODOT, at (405) 522-8014, ssstegmann@odot.org.

Sincerely,

Dawn R. Sullivan, P.E.
Environmental Programs Division Engineer

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Enclosures: Location Map and Notice of Public Hearing

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
I-35 SOUTH IN CLEVELAND AND MCCLAIN COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites you to attend a public hearing being held to solicit public comment on proposed improvements along I-35 South, from the north end of the I-35/SH 9W interchange ramps (located south of the Canadian River Bridge), north to approximately ½ mile north of Main Street in Norman. (See enclosed figure of project area.) The proposed improvements include expanding I-35 to a 6-lane facility from the Canadian River Bridge to approximately ½ mile north of Main Street in Norman, as well as reconstruction of the interchanges at SH 9E, Lindsey Street, and Main Street. In addition, the Canadian River Bridge will be widened for a certain length on both sides to accommodate the SH 9E interchange ramps.

ODOT has scheduled a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., June 22, 2011, at The Embassy Suites, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Oklahoma. Representatives from ODOT and SAIC, the engineering firm retained by ODOT to prepare the environmental studies and documentation, will be on hand to present the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA), which documents the project's purpose and need; the range of alternatives considered, including the Preferred Alternative; the social, economic, and environmental effect of the alternatives; and the Agency coordination and Public Involvement activities conducted as part of the EA. Copies of the EA will be available for public review on June 7, 2011 at the ODOT website <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.htm>, as well as at the following locations:

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If you will be unable to attend the meeting, all handout materials will be posted after the meeting to the following ODOT project website: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.htm>.

The Department strives to accommodate the needs of all citizens, including those who may be disabled. If you would like to attend this meeting but find it difficult due to disability, architectural barrier, or other special needs, or if you require a sign-language interpreter, please contact Mr. Craig Moody at (405) 522-1465 or in writing at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 Northeast 21st Street, Room 2A2, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, no later than June 15, 2011.